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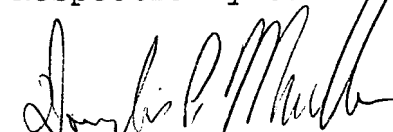
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APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TERM  
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Sir:

Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd., owner of U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297 through Assignment recorded at Reel 3912, Frame 502, in parent application 229,931 filed January 30, 1981, hereby requests extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297. A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 is filed herewith. Any deficiency can be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0783.

The following information is provided in support of the application for extension. The information is arranged in accordance with 37 CFR 1.740.

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE APPROVED PRODUCT

The approved product is a vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough). The product will be marketed under the brand name "ACEL-IMUNE". The present application concerns a patent directed to the pertussis component of the three-component vaccine.

A copy of the approved labelling for this product is attached as Exhibit 1.

The pertussis toxoid of "ACEL-IMUNE" is prepared by a process which includes a step of innoculating Tohama phase I strain of Bordetella pertussis to form a seed culture. The seed culture is added to an appropriate production medium and incubated. The culture's supernatant is concentrated by salting out with the use of ammonium sulphate.

The concentrate is then dialyzed and subjected to sucrose density gradient centrifugation to remove endotoxin. A 1 to 26% (w/w) sucrose gradient is used. The centrifuge rotor is driven at R max of about 67,000-90,000 G for about 17 to 19 hours. Fractions which are high in HA-reactivity and low in endotoxin are collected and pooled.

Following the removal of endotoxin, the fluid containing pertussis exotoxin is diluted with phosphate-buffered saline and subjected to flocculation treatment with formaldehyde, which is done by adding to the fluid formalin in the absence of basic amino acids. The formalin is added stepwise, yielding a final concentration of 0.4% (v/v). The mixture is incubated at about 39°C for about 5 to 10 days, which is sufficient to substantially detoxify the pertussis exotoxin.

After dialysis, the flocculent mass in the resulting suspension is dispersed through ultrasonication (25 KHz), followed by filtering to obtain the final pertussis toxoid fluid.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF THE STATUTE UNDER WHICH REVIEW OCCURRED

Regulatory review of ACEL-IMUNE occurred under §505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF THE DATE OF PERMISSION

Permission for commercial marketing was granted under §505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act on December 17, 1991.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIVE INGREDIENTS

ACEL-IMUNE is a three-component vaccine, containing namely, a diphtheria toxoid, a tetanus toxoid and a pertussis toxoid. The diphtheria toxoid and tetanus toxoid have been previously approved as vaccines for diphtheria and tetanus respectively. These were approved on March 24, 1947 under the Public Health Service Act 58 Stat. 682. The marketing applicant was American Cyanamid Co. through Lederle Laboratories, the same marketing applicant as for Acel-Immune. The diphtheria and tetanus toxoids were not previously approved with the present pertussis toxoid of ACEL-IMUNE, and the pertussis toxoid of ACEL-IMUNE has not been previously approved for any commercial marketing or use.

5. SUBMISSION OF THIS EXTENSION APPLICATION

This extension application is being submitted within the 60-day period permitted for submission. The 60-day period expires on Saturday, February 15, 1992. The last day on which the application

could be submitted is therefore Tuesday, February 18, 1992 (Monday, February 17 being a Federal holiday).

**6. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PATENT FOR WHICH EXTENSION IS BEING SOUGHT**

Extension is sought for U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297. This patent issued on June 19, 1984 and currently will expire on June 19, 2001. The inventors for this patent are Yukio Syukuda, Hideo Watanabe and Shigeo Matsuyama.

**7. PATENT COPY**

A complete copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297 is included as Exhibit 2.

**8. COPIES OF ANY DISCLAIMERS, CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION, RECEIPT OF MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT OR REEXAMINATION CERTIFICATE**

Exhibit 3 includes copies of the two maintenance fee receipts for this patent. Also included in Exhibit 3 is a copy of a recently-filed Request for Certificate of Correction seeking correction of a minor error in claim 1 of the patent as printed.

**9. APPLICATION OF THE PATENT CLAIMS TO THE APPROVED PRODUCT**

Each of claims 1-5, 7 and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297 covers the method of producing the pertussis toxoid of "ACEL-IMUNE". This is discussed in detail below, with reference to the previous description of the approved product.

Claim 1 of the patent is directed to a method of producing a pertussis toxoid, and includes the following steps:

1. Removal of endotoxin from a culture supernatant of a Bordetella pertussis phase I strain or a concentrate thereof.

2. Flocculating pertussis exotoxin in the resultant fluid by permitting formaldehyde to act upon the fluid in the substantial absence of basic amino acid.

3. Dispersing the flocculent mass by ultrasonication.

The pertussis toxoid of ACEL-IMUNE is produced by a method including each of these steps. Step 1 is met since a Tohama phase I strain of Bordetella pertussis is cultured, and endotoxin is removed. Step 2 is met since formaldehyde (through the addition of formalin) is allowed to act upon the resulting fluid, and basic amino acids are not present. Finally, the method of producing the pertussis toxoid of ACEL-IMUNE meets the third step of claim 1 since ultrasonication is used for dispersing the flocculent mass.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1, and further requires that flocculation is performed by admixing formalin or a dilution thereof with the fluid resulting from endotoxin removal in the absence of basic amino acid, followed by incubation. The process for producing the pertussis toxoid of ACEL-IMUNE utilizes a formalin solution for flocculation, without the presence of basic amino acids, and also incubates the mixture.

Claim 3 depends upon claim 2, and further requires that the incubation is continued until the pertussis exotoxin is substantially detoxified. The incubation of the process for

producing the pertussis toxoid of ACEL-IMUNE is sufficient to meet this requirement.

Claim 4 depends upon claim 2, and further requires that the amount of formalin be such as to give a concentration of about 0.1 to 0.6 v/v%, with the mixture being incubated at about 32-42°C for about 3-14 days. The process for producing ACEL-IMUNE falls within each of these ranges.

Claim 5 requires that the endotoxin removal of claim 1 is accomplished by centrifuging the cultured supernatant or concentrate thereof on a sucrose density gradient of about 0-60 w/w% at R max of about 62,000 to 122,000 G for about 10-24 hours. Again, the endotoxin removal step in the process of producing the ACEL-IMUNE pertussis toxoid falls within these ranges.

Claim 7 depends upon claim 1 and requires concentration of the supernatant by salting out with ammonium sulphate and removal of endotoxin from the resulting concentrate. The process for preparing the pertussis toxoid of ACEL-IMUNE does produce a concentrate by salting out with ammonium sulphate and removes endotoxin from the concentrate.

Claim 8 depends upon claim 1 and requires that the Bordetella pertussis phase I strain is the Tohama phase I strain. The process for producing the pertussis toxoid of ACEL-IMUNE utilizes the Tohama phase I strain.

10. INFORMATION FOR THE REGULATORY REVIEW

BB-IND 2417 was filed on June 24, 1986. Product license application 87-0406 was filed on September 1, 1987. PLA 87-0406 was granted on December 17, 1991.



## 11. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE REGULATORY REVIEW PERIOD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	BB-IND 2417
06/24/86	Original IND (Parts I-XIV and XVI) clinical study 60-1-3
07/21/86	Part VI, Data Takeda 8135-2
07/24/86	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-1-4
08/04/86	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-1-2
08/04/86	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-1-1
08/21/86	Part X, IRB approval 60-1-4
08/26/86	Part IX, pre-invest. report
09/25/86	Parts VII-X, clinical study D60-P-11
10/16/86	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-2-1
10/16/86	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-2-2
10/29/86	Part IX, pre-invest. report
11/10/86	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-2-3
12/30/86	Part X, clinical study 60-1-4
04/15/87	Parts VI, VIII-X, clinical study 60-9-1
04/27/87	Part X, clinical study 60-9-1
04/29/87	Parts VII-X, clinical study 60-11-1
04/30/87	Part VII, labels 60-11
04/30/87	Part VII, labels 60-9
05/20/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-9-2
05/21/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-9-3
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06/19/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-9-9
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06/30/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-2
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07/08/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-9-11
07/09/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-3
08/11/87	Parts VIII-X clinical study 60-9-8
08/24/87	Part X, clinical study 60-10
08/31/87	Part VIII, clinical study 60-9-9
09/01/87	PLA 87-0406
11/03/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-9-9
11/12/87	Part X, clinical study D60-P1-T2
11/16/87	Part X, clinical study, 60-11-1
12/02/87	Part VIII, clinical study D60-P1-T4
12/03/87	Part X, clinical study D60-P1-T4
12/14/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-6
12/28/87	Part X, clinical study D60-P2-T1
12/29/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-7
01/12/88	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-8
01/19/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T9
01/21/88	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-9
02/23/88	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-10

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06/19/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-9-9
06/26/87	Parts VII-X, clinical study 60-10-1
06/30/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-2
07/07/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-9-10
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07/09/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-3
08/11/87	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-9-8
08/24/87	Part X, clinical study 60-10
08/31/87	Part VIII, clinical study 60-9-9
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01/12/88	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-8
01/19/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T9
01/21/88	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-9
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03/02/88	Parts IX-X, clinical study 60-10-11
03/04/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P10-T4
03/07/88	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-12
03/08/88	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-13
03/10/88	Safety, clinical study 60-9-7
03/10/88	Safety, clinical study 60-9-8
03/17/88	Parts I, III, V-X, clinical study 60-12-1
03/31/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T4
04/04/88	Parts VIII-X, clinical study 60-10-14
04/04/88	Part X, clinical study 60-12-1
04/11/88	Parts VI-X, clinical study 60-13-1
05/31/88	Parts VIII and IX, clinical study D60-P13-T1
06/17/88	Safety, death/Japan
06/24/88	Part X, clinical study 60-10-5
06/30/88	Response to CBER re: Submission 10/8/87
07/14/88	Letter to CBER re: Submission 11/3/87
07/19/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T8
07/19/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T6
07/19/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P10-T5
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08/22/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T9
08/22/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P10-T7
08/23/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T5
08/24/88	Part VIII, clinical study 60-9-2

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09/01/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T2
09/12/88	Response to CBER re: Submission 11/3/87
09/21/88	Part VII, clinical study 60-13-1
09/21/88	Parts VIII and X, clinical study D60-P9-T7
09/22/88	Safety, clinical study 60-10-14
10/07/88	Part X, clinical study 60-10-14
10/17/88	Part X, clinical study 60-10-11
10/17/88	Part X, clinical study 60-10-9
10/25/88	Letter to CBER re: Submission 3/7, 4/4, 4/11/88
10/27/88	Part X, clinical study 60-10-2
11/11/88	Safety, death/Japan
11/11/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P10-T9
11/11/88	Part X, clinical study D60-P2-T2
11/28/88	Safety, followup Submission 11/11/88, death/Japan
12/22/88	Response to CBER re: letter 10/25/88
01/09/89	Parts I-III and V, Led/Wyeth Procedures 7-1407-XX
01/16/89	Letter to CBER re: Submission 11/11/88
01/19/89	Part X, clinical study 60-10-1
03/08/89	Parts VII and X, clinical study 60-10-1
03/13/89	Part X, clinical study 60-10-3
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04/16/89	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T4

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04/28/89	Parts VIII-X, clinical study D60-P16-T1
05/05/89	Part X, clinical study D60-P9-T6
05/17/89	Part X, clinical study 60-10-11
05/17/89	Part X, clinical study 60-10-10
05/24/89	Ann. IRB approval
05/24/89	Amend. #3 60-10-7
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06/12/89	Ann. IRB approval
06/12/89	Parts VIII, IX, X - D60-P16-T2
06/16/89	Addl. clin. site
06/16/89	Annual Report
06/20/89	Ann. IRB approval
06/23/89	Amend. #3 60-10-5
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07/24/89	60-17 (Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, X)
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07/27/89	60-18-2
08/01/89	Samples for DP 60-16
08/01/89	Addl. labeling for DP 60-10
08/08/89	Corrected pages for protocol (testing)
08/14/89	Addl. labeling for 60-10
08/14/89	Annual IRB approval - 60-10-2
08/14/89	IND Safety report 60-10-9
08/22/89	Amend #3 60-10-14

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08/31/89	Parts VIII, IX, X - 60-18-3 (B. Sullivan)
09/06/89	Part VIII - 60-16-1 (adds co-investigator)
09/07/89	Part VII - 60-16 addl. labeling
09/25/89	Part VIII - 60-16-4 addl. satellite clin. sites
10/02/89	Parts VIII, IX, X - 60-16-5 (Storokin)
10/02/89	Parts VIII, IX, X - 60-16-7 (Asmar)
10/03/89	Parts VIII, IX, X - 60-16-8 (Rothstein)
10/11/89	Parts VIII, IX, X - 60-16-6 (Black)
10/24/89	Part X - Amend. #3 D60-P16-T3
10/25/89	Addl. info for April 10 and May 10 submissions
10/27/89	Follow-up safety
10/30/89	Patient consent form and IRB approval D60-P16-T8
11/22/89	Addl. co-investigators (Part VIII)
12/21/89	Parts I, III, VI - Support of clin. study
01/12/90	Addl. info for July 24, 1989 submission
01/24/90	Clin. Invest., D60-P1
02/08/90	Parts VII, IX, X - 6012-1
02/27/90	Correspondence re meeting for 2/28/90
03/08/90	DP60-2
03/28/90	D60-P16-T1, Amendment #3
03/28/90	D60-P16-T2
03/28/90	D60-P16-T4, Amendment #3
04/04/90	Annual IRB approval
04/27/90	Testing results
05/18/90	Part VI, corrected testing results

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05/18/90	Request for more info. re letter of Dec. 21, 1989
06/08/90	Parts VII, VIII, IX, X - D60-P2-T1
06/11/90	Clinical study, D60-P16
06/15/90	Clinical study, D60-P9 (primary)
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06/18/90	Clinical study, D60-P10
06/20/90	D60-P2-T3, Amendment #2
06/20/90	D60-P2-T2, Amendment #2
06/29/90	Completed clinical study
08/08/90	Annual IRB approval, 60-9-3, Sullivan
08/15/90	Annual IRB approval, 60-16-4, Plotkin
08/15/90	Annual IRB approval, 60-16-3, Reisinger
08/23/90	Annual IRB approval, 60-10-7, Mortimer
08/24/90	Annual IRB approval, 60-10-5, Sullivan
08/24/90	Annual IRB approval, 60-10-8, Gooch
08/24/90	Annual IRB approval, D60-P16-T1, Grossman
08/29/90	D60-P9-T2, transfer principal invest. from Nelson to Pomeranz
08/29/90	D60-P10-T11, transfer principal invest. from Nelson to Pomeranz
09/20/90	Annual IRB approval, 60-16-2, Glode
10/01/90	D60-P16-T4, sub-investigator, Chua
11/05/90	D60-P16-T7, Part X, Asmar
11/28/90	D60-P20, parts Vi, VII, VIII, IX, X - (Germany study)



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11/21/90	Part X, D60-P10-T5, annual IRB, Sullivan
12/21/90	Part X, D60-16-8, annual IRB, Rothstein
12/21/90	Part X, IRB approval of <u>termination</u> , D60-P18-T3, Sullivan
01/21/91	Clinical trial protocol for discussion at closed session, 01/29/91
02/01/91	Parts VII, VIII, X - D60-P19-T1, Glode
02/01/91	Parts VII, VIII, X - D60-P19-T2, Rothstein
02/18/91	Clinical study (also submitted to PLA 87-0406)
02/25/91	New investigator, Dr. Chua
04/04/91	Clinical study (Also submitted to PLA 87-0406)
04/12/91	Part X, 60-19-1, Amendment #1 - Glode
04/12/91	Part X, 60-19-2, Amendment #1 - Rothstein
05/21/91	Parts VII, X, 60-9-2, Pomeranz
05/24/91	Parts VI, VII, VIII, X - Initiation of German study
05/31/91	Parts VIII, X, 60-9, Starr
05/31/91	Parts VIII, X, 60-21 - 18 addl. investigators to German study
06/07/91	Part X, 60-9, Congeni
06/07/91	Part X, 60-9, Clin. Invest. Brochure
06/07/91	Parts VIII, X, 25 addl. investigators to German study
06/14/91	Parts VIII, X, 60-9, Gooch
06/14/91	Part X, 60-9, Sullivan

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06/17/91	Parts VIII, X - 16 addl. investigators to German study
06/18/91	Part X, 60-9, Mortimer
06/20/91	Answers to CBER Questions of 4/24/91
06/26/91	Part X, 60-9, Cherry
06/26/91	Parts VIII, X, 20 addl. investigators to German study
06/26/91	Parts VIII, X, 60-9, Townsend
06/26/91	Part X, 60-9, Prober
07/10/91	Part X, 60-9, Daum
07/11/91	Parts VIII, X - 6 additional investigators to German study
07/15/91	Parts VII, VIII, X - 12 additional investigators to German study
07/17/91	Safety Report
07/23/91	Parts VIII, X - 14 additional investigators to Germany study
07/29/91	Parts VIII, X - 2 additional invesitigators to German study
07/30/91	Correspondence re labeling of clinical vials for German study
07/30/91	Letter re supply of APDT for use in NIAID clinical trial
08/02/91	Parts VIII, X - 3 additional investigators to German study

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08/12/91	Parts VIII, X - 6 additional investigators to German study
08/13/91	Annual report for 1989, 1990, 1991
08/13/91	Part X - 60-9, Mortimer
08/16/91	Parts VIII, X - 3 additional investigators to German study
08/26/91	Parts VIII, X - 3 additional investigators to German study
09/04/91	Parts VIII, X - 1 additional investigator to German study
09/10/91	Parts VIII, X - 2 additional investigators to German study
09/16/91	Parts VIII, X - 1 additional investigator to German study
09/24/91	Follow-up information for safety report submitted on July 17, 1991
09/24/91	Parts VIII, X - 1 additional investigator to German study
10/01/91	Parts VIII, X - 2 additional investigators to German study
10/09/91	Parts VIII, X - 3 additional investigators to German study
10/22/91	Parts VIII, X - 12 additional investigators to German study

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10/29/91	Parts VIII, X - 7 additional investigators to German study
11/05/91	Parts VI, VII, X - 60-10, Amendment #4
11/06/91	Part VII - 60-20 labels
11/06/91	Parts VIII, X - 15 additional investigators to German study
11/20/91	Parts VII, VIII, X - 9 additional investigators to German study
11/20/91	Letter re: supply of APDT for use in NIAID clinical trial
11/22/91	Parts VIII, X - 5 additional investigators to German study
11/26/91	Parts VIII, X - 60-10, Amendment #4
12/04/91	Part X - Amendment #4, D60-P10
12/09/91	Part X - Amendment #4, D60-P10
12/09/91	Parts VIII, X - 17 additional investigators to German study
12/13/91	Part X - Amendment #4, D60-P10
12/16/91	Parts VIII, X - 3 additional investigators to German study
12/17/91	Approval of PLA 87-0406

**12. ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENSION AND THE LENGTH OF EXTENSION CLAIMED**

In the opinion of the applicant, U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297 is eligible for extension. It is believed that an extension of 1643 days, i.e., to December 17, 2005, is justified. The calculation of the extension is set forth below, it being noted that the marketing applicant acted with due diligence in pursuing both the IND and the PLA for ACEL-IMUNE.

The IND was pending from June 24, 1986 (after the issuance of U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297) through September 1, 1987, a total of 435 days. Reducing this total by one-half (after ignoring the half-day) leaves a total of 218 days. The PLA was pending from September 1, 1987 through December 17, 1991, including one leap year, a total of 1569 days. Adding the applicable IND period to the PLA period gives a total potential extension of 1787 days. This, when added to the original expiration date of June 19, 2001, would result in an expiration date of May 10, 2006.

Adding 14 years to the December 17, 1991 approval date gives a date of December 17, 2005. Since this is earlier than May 10, 2006, this date is selected. Since the patent issued before September 24, 1984 but the IND was not filed before September 24, 1984, the December 17, 2005 date is compared with the date obtained by adding 5 years to the original expiration date, i.e., June 19, 2006. Again, December 17, 2005 is earlier and this then is the extension which is available, which is calculated to be 1643 days (including one leap year). Therefore, an extension of 1643 days, to December 17, 2005, is requested.

13. DUTY OF DISCLOSURE

Applicant acknowledges the duty to disclose to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Secretary of Agriculture any information which is material to the determination of entitlement to the extension sought.

14. FEE

A check for the required fee of \$1,000 is filed herewith, with an appropriate Deposit Account authorization for any deficiency.

15. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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16. DUPLICATE OF THE APPLICATION

A duplicate of this application, certified to be complete, is filed herewith.

17. OATH OR DECLARATION

The undersigned declares that:

1. He is an official of Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd., owner by Assignment of U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297, authorized to obligate the corporation;

2. He has reviewed and understands the contents of the application for extension of U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297 attached hereto;

3. He believes U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297 is subject to extension pursuant to 37 CFR 1.710;

4. He believes an extension of the length claimed in section 12 above is justified under 35 USC 156 and the applicable regulations; and

5. He believes U.S. Patent No. 4,455,297 meets the conditions for extension of the term of a patent as set forth in 37 CFR 1.720.

6. He further declares under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true to the best of his information and belief.

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Mr. Hiroshi Iwata  
General Manager

EXHIBIT 1



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USPN 4,455,297

PACKAGE FOR THE

DTP 5 ML. VIAL

STORAGE: DO NOT FREEZE  
STORE REFRIGERATED  
AWAY FROM FREEZER  
COMPARTMENT AT  
2-8°C (36-46°F)

NDC 0005-1950-31  
**Diphtheria and  
Tetanus Toxoids  
and Acellular  
Pertussis Vaccine**

**Adsorbed  
Acel-Imune®**

FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH  
DOSE ONLY.

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SHAKE WELL  
Each 0.5 mL dose is  
formulated to contain  
not less than 7.5 LI units  
of diphtheria toxoid, 5 LI  
units of tetanus toxoid and  
300 HA units of Acellular  
Pertussis Vaccine.  
PRESERVATIVE:  
1:10,000 Thimerosal  
(mercury derivative)  
DOSEAGE:  
1 Dose is 0.5 mL  
given intramuscularly.  
See enclosed circular.  
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5 ML. VIAL LABEL

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Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed  
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VACCINE ADSORBED  
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**SHIPPING CARTON LABEL**

EXHIBIT 2

# United States Patent [19]

Syukuda et al.

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[45] Jun. 19, 1984

[54] METHOD FOR PRODUCING PERTUSSIS TOXOID

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### ABSTRACT

A pertussis toxoid is produced by removing endotoxin from a culture supernatant of a *Bordetella pertussis* phase I strain or a concentrate thereof and flocculating pertussis exotoxin in the resultant fluid by permitting formaldehyde to act upon the fluid in the substantial absence of basic amino acid. The thus-obtained pertussis toxoid is low in toxicity and has a high immunizing potency.

8 Claims, No Drawings

## METHOD FOR PRODUCING PERTUSSIS TOXOID

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 229,931 filed Jan. 30, 1981, now abandoned.

This invention relates to a method of producing a pertussis toxoid.

Whooping cough is an infectious disease caused by *Bordetella pertussis* and produces serious effects especially in infants.

Vaccines have heretofore been employed for the prevention of this disease. However, because such vaccines are conventionally prepared from the whole cells of the causative bacterium, they give rise to fever and other serious side effects. It has therefore been an urgent social need to overcome these disadvantages.

Many attempts have been made in which an effective component only is isolated from *Bordetella pertussis* phase I strain and made into a vaccine, but none of the proposed procedures has been found to be satisfactory. Meanwhile, the proposition that the infection by *Bordetella pertussis* lies in the exotoxin released from the said bacteria (M. Pittmann: "Reviews of Infectious Diseases", 1, p. 401-412, 1979) suggested the possibility of protection by means of a pertussis toxoid but there has been no report indicating the success of obtaining a pertussis toxoid.

Against the above technical background, the present inventors have for the first time succeeded in producing a pertussis toxoid by a new method of detoxification.

Thus, the object of this invention is to provide a method of producing a pertussis toxoid which is low in toxicity and yet has a very high immunizing potency.

The said object can be realized by removing endotoxin from a culture supernatant or a concentrate thereof and flocculating pertussis exotoxin in the resultant fluid by permitting formaldehyde to act upon the fluid in the substantial absence of basic amino acid.

In accordance with this invention, there is employed a culture supernatant of a *Bordetella pertussis* phase I strain or a concentrate thereof. The cultivation of the *Bordetella pertussis* phase I strain can be carried out in a manner known per se. Thus, for example, the strain is cultivated in a liquid medium (Cohen-Wheeler medium, Stainer & Scholte medium, etc.) at about 35° to 37° C. for about 5 to 7 days. The supernatant of the resulting culture is collected by filtration or centrifugation. Either this supernatant fluid or a concentrate thereof can be used in the subsequent step of removing its endotoxin. The concentrate can be obtained by salting out which is conventional per se. Thus, for example, 2 to 5 kg of ammonium sulfate is added to 10 l each of the culture supernatant and, after mixing, the precipitate formed is collected by an expedient technique such as filtration or centrifugation. This precipitate is then dissolved in a suitable amount of 0.05 M phosphate buffer supplemented with 1 M sodium chloride, and the supernatant is obtained by centrifugal sedimentation or the like procedure to give a concentrated fluid.

In accordance with this invention, the above-mentioned supernatant or concentrate is treated to remove its endotoxin. This removal of the endotoxin can be accomplished by any of such procedures as sucrose density gradient centrifugation, potassium tartrate density gradient centrifugation, cesium chloride density gradient centrifugation, gel filtration, etc. A particularly advantageous procedure comprises centrifuging the above-mentioned supernatant or concentrate on a

sucrose density gradient of about 0 to 60 W/W % at R max. about 62,000 to 122,000 G for about 10 to 24 hours.

The most essential feature of this invention is the step of flocculating pertussis exotoxin in the above obtained pertussis exotoxin fluid by permitting formaldehyde to act upon the fluid in the substantial absence of basic amino acid, whereby the exotoxin is substantially detoxified to yield pertussis toxoid. Thus, the precipitated-purified vaccine containing the thus-detoxified toxoid and the precipitated-purified pertussis-diphtheria-tetanus trivalent vaccine containing the same detoxified toxoid are low in toxicity and yet have very high immunizing potencies. Such effects cannot be achieved with the pertussis toxoid fluid prepared by permitting formaldehyde to act upon the pertussis exotoxin fluid in the substantial presence of basic amino acid, especially L-lysine.

Generally, the conventional bacterial exotoxins such as diphtheria toxin give only loose bindings between formaldehyde and toxin molecules and it was impossible to obtain a stable polymerizate without the aid of an additive substance such as a basic amino acid e.g. L-lysine. As regards pertussis exotoxin, however, it has been found unexpectedly that the formalin detoxification in the absence of such amino acid promotes on the contrary the polymerization of the exotoxin to give a flocculent antigen mass. This promotes the increase of immunity-competent molecule size, potentiates the immunogenicity and, hence, enables the production of a high-potency pertussis toxoid.

The above flocculating treatment is carried out by adding formalin (i.e. 37 W/V % aqueous solution of formaldehyde) or a dilution thereof with water to the pertussis exotoxin fluid in the substantial absence (i.e. less than 10 mM) of basic amino acid such as L-lysine and incubating the mixture until the pertussis exotoxin is substantially detoxified. It is usually advantageous to admix formalin or its dilution with the exotoxin fluid, with no addition of basic amino acid at all, to give a concentration of about 0.1 to 0.6 V/V % in terms of formalin and incubate the mixture, with or without further addition of formalin or its dilution up to a total concentration within the above range, at about 32° to 42° C. for about 3 to 14 days.

By the above treatment, the pertussis exotoxin is flocculated and thereby detoxified to yield a flocculent pertussis toxoid mass-containing suspension. The resultant flocculent toxoid mass in the suspension is dispersed by a suitable technique such as ultrasonication at about 10 to 50 kc to give a toxoid fluid.

In the method of this invention, a dialysis treatment may be interposed between the respective steps. Such dialysis can be carried out in a per se conventional manner.

Exactly in the same manner as the whole cell whooping cough vaccine fluid, the pertussis toxoid fluid thus obtained can be processed into a precipitated-purified pertussis vaccine or a precipitated-purified pertussis-diphtheria-tetanus trivalent vaccine and can be administered to humans.

The following Examples are further illustrative but not limitative of this invention.

The properties of Tohama phase I strain of *Bordetella pertussis* employed in the following Examples are disclosed in e.g. "Infection and Immunity", 6, p. 899-904 (1972). This strain has been maintained at National Institute of Health, Tokyo, Japan (NIHJ), and deposited at



also Institute for Fermentation, Osaka, Japan under the accession number of IFO-14073.

Throughout the present specification as well as in claims, the abbreviations "μg", "mg", "g", "kg", "ml", "l", "C.", "mM", "M", "r.p.m.", "kc", "R max.", "G", "IU" and "Lf" respectively refer to "microgram(s)", "milligram(s)", "gram(s)", "kilogram(s)", "milliliter(s)", "liter(s)", "degree(s) centigrade", "millimolar concentration", "molar concentration", "revolution(s) per minute", "kilocycle(s)", "Radius maximum", "gravity", "international unit(s)" and "Limit of flocculation".

#### EXAMPLE 1

Tohama phase I strain of *Bordetella pertussis* was inoculated in a Bordet-Gengou medium prepared from potato, peptone, sodium chloride, agar and bovine blood and incubated at 35° C. for 2 days. Then, the translucent circular colonies were picked up and a colony reactive to the K agglutinating antibody was developed again on a Bordet-Gengou medium for use as a seed culture. A production medium was prepared by autoclaving a Cohen-Wheeler liquid medium (Table 1, hereafter) at 121° C. for 60 minutes and cooling it immediately to about 40° C. This medium was preserved at 37° C.

The seed culture prepared above was added to this production medium to give a terminal population of 200 to 300 million cells/ml, stirred well, inoculated into Roux bottles at the dose of 0.2 l per bottle and immediately cultivated in an incubator at 37° C. The incubation period depended on the cell growth conditions. The maximum cell yield was attained at the fifth day when the hemagglutinating (HA) titer of the culture fluid against chick erythrocytes (as determined by the method described in "Infection and Immunity", 7, p. 922-999 (1978) throughout the present specification) was also at a peak level. Therefore, the fluids were pooled and centrifuged, and 20.2 W/V % of ammonium sulfate was added to the supernatant. After stirring well, the mixture was allowed to stand at 4° C. After 7 days, the supernatant was siphoned off and the sediment was collected and centrifuged at 8,000 r.p.m. for 10 minutes. The supernatant was discarded. To the sediment was added 1/10 of the volume of the fluid pool of 1 M sodium chloride—0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 8.0), and the mixture was stirred well. The mixture was allowed to stand again at 4° C. for 7 days, after which it was centrifuged again and the supernatant was collected (Extract I). This supernatant was rich in fimbriae, leukocytosis promoting factor (hereafter LPF), histamine sensitizing factor (hereafter HSF) and endotoxin but free from cells. Extract I was reconcentrated, an equal volume of saturated ammonium sulfate (adjusted to pH 8.0 with ammonia) was added thereto and the mixture was allowed to stand at 4° C. for 7 days. This ammonium sulfate fraction was centrifuged at 10,000 r.p.m. for 20 minutes to harvest the sediment and 1/300 of the volume of the fluid pool of 1 M sodium chloride—0.05 M phosphate buffer (pH 8.0) was added thereto. After thorough mixing, the mixture was put in a dialysis tube of semipermeable membrane to remove the ammonium sulfate, using a 1 M solution of sodium chloride (pH 8.0) as the external fluid. The dialyzed concentrate was then subjected to the following sucrose density gradient centrifugation.

A previously sterilized centrifugal rotor (capacity 1700 ml) and seal assembly was driven at a low speed

and 1300 ml of 5 W/V % to 30 W/V % sucrose solutions were fed by means of a gradient pump. Then, 100 ml of the above dialyzed concentrate was fed and 300 ml of an overlay fluid (0.5 M sodium chloride solution, pH 8.0) was introduced. The rotor was driven at R max. 89,400 G for 18.5 hours.

After centrifugation, 34 W/V % sucrose solution was introduced at a low speed and the fluid within the rotor was collected in 50 to 100 ml fractions (collection of fractions). This collection was commenced from the low sucrose density side and the high HA-reactive (not less than 20 titers per ml, preferably not less than 500 titers per ml) and endotoxin-lean fractions were harvested. The scarcity of endotoxin was judged by a rabbit pyrogenicity test. Thus, each fraction sample was heated at 100° C. for 3 minutes and diluted to 20 HA titers/ml with physiological saline. This dilution was intravenously administered to rabbits at the dose of 1 ml per kg body weight. The fractions which did not cause fever within 3 hours were selected and pooled as the exotoxin fluid.

The exotoxin fluid was diluted with M/250 phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.0) to a proteinaceous N content of about 50 μg/ml. In this step, gelatin, Tween 80 (polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate; Kao-Atlas, Japan) and thimerosal were added to give the concentrations of 0.02 W/V % of gelatin, 0.05 V/V % of Tween 80 and 0.01 W/V % of thimerosal. To this fluid, without the addition of any basic amino acid, was added formalin to a concentration of 0.2 V/V % in an incubator at 39° C. and, after thorough mixing, was allowed to stand in the same incubator. After one day, an additional amount of formalin was added to a concentration of 0.3 V/V % and, after thorough mixing, the mixture was further incubated in the same incubator. After an additional 2 days, formalin was further added to a concentration of 0.4 V/V % and the mixture was stirred well and further incubated in the incubator for a total of 5 days. The resulting flocculated toxic mass-containing suspension was dialyzed against 0.01 V/V % formalin-physiological saline as the external fluid. This dialysis was carried out by dialyzing the above suspension in a dialysis membrane tube against 12.5 times the volume of the internal fluid of said external fluid in a cold room (4° C.) for 2 days, with the external fluid being constantly agitated. The external fluid was replaced with a fresh one 2 days later and the dialysis was repeated. The dialyzed flocculent toxoid suspension was subjected to various tests applicable to pertussis stock vaccine and, then, used as a stock toxoid fluid. Before the preparation of a final bulk, the flocculent toxoid suspension was ultrasonicated (10 kc, 5 min.) and filtered through a 400 mesh strainer (Japanese Industrial Standard) to give a final pertussis toxoid fluid. As a control, the exotoxin fluid was treated with formalin with addition of 0.05 M L-lysine and subsequently treated as above to obtain a control fluid.

The pertussis toxoid fluid obtained as above and the control fluid were each treated according to the method of Levine (Reo Levine, Joseph L. Stone & Louise Wyman: Factors affecting the efficiency of the aluminum adjuvant in diphtheria and tetanus toxoid. J. Immunology 75, p. 301-307, 1955). Thus, each fluid was diluted with M/250 phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.0) to a proteinaceous N content of 20 μg/ml or less, followed by addition of aluminum chloride to a concentration of 0.18 W/V %. The mixture was stirred well and adjusted to pH 7.0 with hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide

to give an aluminum-precipitated vaccine of about 0.2 mg in terms of aluminum/ml. The properties of these products are shown in Table 2. After statistical processing, LPF is acceptable when it is not more than the

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FeSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O 50 ml (1 W/V % fluid)

TABLE 2

Method of this invention			Detoxification with the addition of L-lysine					
LPF	HSF	Mouse protecting potency	LPF	HSF	Mouse protecting potency	LPF	HSF	Mouse protecting potency
o	o	8.0	x	x	4.2 <sup>Δ</sup>	o	o	3.0 <sup>Δ</sup>
o	o	14.5	x	x	6.9	o	o	3.0 <sup>Δ</sup>
o	o	12.8	o	x	11.3	o	o	7.0
o	o	10.0	o	x	10.0	o	o	5.0
o	o	12.0	o	x	10.2	o	o	2.2 <sup>Δ</sup>
o	o	15.0	o	x	1.5 <sup>Δ</sup>	o	o	8.4
o	o	13.0	x	x	8.0	o	o	2.0 <sup>Δ</sup>
o	o	18.0	x	o	7.5	o	o	3.0 <sup>Δ</sup>
o	o	11.0	o	x	14.1	o	o	1.8 <sup>Δ</sup>
o	o	12.2				o	o	4.5 <sup>Δ</sup>
o	o	15.2				o	o	4.5 <sup>Δ</sup>
o	o	14.3				o	o	8.0
o	o	18.1				o	o	7.7
o	o	15.5				o	o	5.9
		13.5* <sup>1</sup>			8.2* <sup>1</sup>			4.7* <sup>1</sup>

LPF

o: Not more than the equivalent of 0.5 LPU/ml

x: Other than o (Not acceptable)

HSF

o: Not more than the equivalent of 0.8 HSU/ml

x: Other than o (Not acceptable)

Mouse protecting potency: IU/ml

Δ: Insufficient potency (Not acceptable)

\*<sup>1</sup>: Mean value

equivalent of 0.5 LPU (Leukocytosis-promoting units as determined by the method described in "Medicine and Biology", 83, p. 117-123)/ml and not acceptable when otherwise. Similarly, HSF is acceptable when it is not more than the equivalent of 0.8 HSU (histamine sensitizing units as determined by the method described in "Journal of Biological Standardization", 7 (1979), p. 21-29)/ml and not acceptable when otherwise. The mouse protecting potency, similarly after statistical processing, is acceptable when it is at least 8 IU (challenged 3 weeks after the immunization)/ml or more and not acceptable when otherwise.

As is clear from Table 2, in accordance with the detoxification method of this invention, no rejects were found in regard to any of LPF, HSF and the mouse protecting potency throughout 14 consecutive production batches, the mean potency being 13.5 IU/ml. In contrast, when L-lysine had been added, a 23-batch series of production yielded 4 LPF rejects, 8 HSF rejects and 10 potency rejects, and the overall "acceptables" accounted only for 6/23=26%.

TABLE 1

Soluble starch	225 g
NaCl	375 g
K H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	75 g
MgCl <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	750 ml (B W/V % fluid)
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	75 ml (2 W/V % fluid)
CuSO <sub>4</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	112.5 ml (0.1 W/V % fluid)
Sodium L-glutamate	30 g
Nicotinamide	4.5 g
Casamino acid	1800 g
Cysteine hydrochloride	4.5 g
Tris-buffer	12.5 l

The above components were diluted with distilled water to make 150 l, adjusted to pH 7.0 to 7.2 and sterilized. Then, the following substances were added.

Glutathione (reduced form) 50 ml (1 W/V % fluid)

## EXAMPLE 2

The pertussis toxoid fluid obtained in Example 1, the diphtheria toxoid fluid meeting the Japanese Biological Products Standard and the tetanus toxoid meeting the same Standard were precipitation-treated as in Example 1 to prepare a precipitated-purified pertussis-diphtheria-tetanus trivalent vaccine. The composition of this vaccine was as follows:

Pertussis toxoid	Proteineous N content; ca. 15 μg/ml
Diphtheria toxoid	ca. 30 Lf/ml
Tetanus toxoid	ca. 5 Lf/ml
Aluminum	ca. 0.2 mg/ml
Thimerosal	0.01 W/V %

The principal properties of this trivalent vaccine are as follows: Hydrogen ion concentration (reciprocal), 7.0; rabbit pyrogenicity (diluted 50-fold with saline and injected intravenously at 1 ml/kg body weight), negative; mouse body weight loss, not more than the equivalent of 10 BWDU (Body weight decrease units as determined by the method described in J. Med. Sci. Biol. 21, 115-135)/ml; mouse leukocytosis promoting activity, not more than the equivalent of 0.5 LPU/ml; mouse histamine sensitizing activity, not more than the equivalent of 0.8 HSU/ml; pertussis toxoid potency, the equivalent of 8 IU/ml; diphtheria toxoid potency, the equivalent of 45 IU/ml; tetanus toxoid potency, the equivalent of 30 IU/ml.

The trivalent vaccine can be administered to humans, for example, by the following schedule:

To infants of 3 to 48 month-age 0.5 ml each of the vaccine is inoculated subcutaneously 3 times with intervals of 2 to 8 weeks. Twelve to eighteen months after the last inoculation, further 0.5 ml of the vaccine is subcutaneously inoculated to each of the infants.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of producing a pertussis toxoid, which comprises removing endotoxin from a culture supernatant of a *Bordetella pertussis* phase I strain or a concentrate thereof, flocculating pertussis exotoxin in the resultant fluid by permitting formaldehyde to act upon the fluid in the substantial absence of basic amino acid and dispersing the flocculent mass in the resulting suspension of ultrasonication.

2. A method of claim 1, wherein the flocculation is performed by admixing formalin or a dilution thereof with the fluid in the substantial absence of basic amino acid and incubating the mixture.

3. A method of claim 2, wherein the incubation is continued until the pertussis exotoxin is substantially detoxified.

4. A method of claim 2, wherein formalin or a dilution thereof is admixed with the fluid, with no addition

of basic amino acid, to give a concentration of about 0.1 to 0.6 v/v % in terms of formalin, and the mixture is incubated at about 32° to 42° C. for about 3 to 14 days.

5. A method of claim 1, wherein the removal of endotoxin is accomplished by centrifuging the culture supernatant or concentrate thereof on a sucrose density gradient of about 0 to 60 w/w % at R max. about 62,000 to 122,000 G for about 10 to 24 hours.

6. A method of claim 1, wherein a dialysis treatment is interposed between the respective steps.

7. A method of claim 1, wherein the culture supernatant is concentrated by salting out with use of ammonium sulfate, and endotoxin is removed from the resulting concentrate.

15 8. A method of claim 1, wherein *Bordetella pertussis* phase I strain is Tohama phase I strain.  
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EXHIBIT 3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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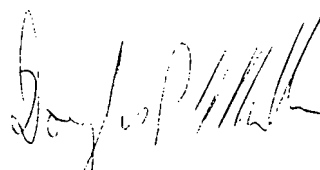
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued in order to correct the error specified on the attached copy of the Certificate of Correction Form (PTO-1050) which has been completed according to the Notice in 862 O.G. 2. No fee is included, as this correction was made in the Amendment filed October 13, 1983.

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DATED : June 19, 1984  
INVENTOR(S) : Yukio Syukuda et al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 7, line 8 (last line of claim 1), change "of" to --by--.

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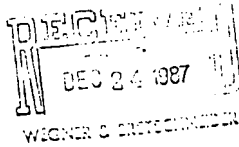
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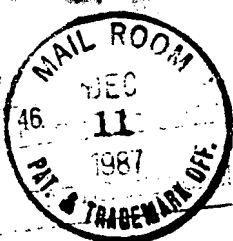
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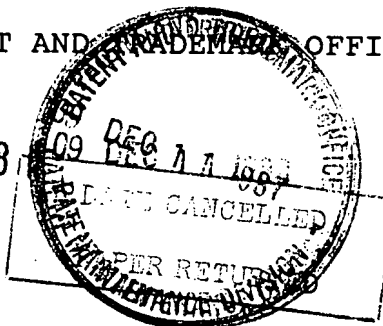
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